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**Thursday 19 November**

*Afternoon Session (14:00 – 18:00)*

**Session 7 Break-out sessions (14:00 – 18:00) – Parallel Sessions**

**Break-out Session: Flash GDP estimates**

**Chair: Roberto Barcellan, Eurostat**

- 14:00 – 14:05 Opening – stating the purpose and format for the session
- 14:05 – 14:15 Roberto Barcellan, Eurostat  
*The relevance and utility for official statisticians of the Handbook on Flash GDP*
- 14:15 – 14:25 Roberto Barcellan, Eurostat  
*Overview of the Handbook on Flash GDP*
- 14:25 – 14:45 Roberto Barcellan, Eurostat  
*A system of rapid estimates: different products for different purposes*
- 14:45 – 15:00 *Rapid estimates for a set of indicators: a dashboard for short-term economic developments*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Kees Zeelenberg, Statistics Netherlands - *to be confirmed*  
*Minimum quality requirements for rapid estimates: timeliness, reliability, accuracy, coverage*
- 15:30 – 16:00 *Technical issues: (i) the use of hard and soft data; (ii) statistical and econometric techniques; (iii) revision policy and rapid estimates*
- 15.45 - 16:15 *Coffee break (30 minutes)*
- 16:00 – 16:30 *Creating the culture of rapid estimates*

- 16:30 – 17:00 *Alternative to rapid estimates*
- 17:00 – 17:30 *Towards a common international approach to rapid estimates*
- 17:30 – 18:00 *Recommendations on Flash GDP estimates to the UN Statistical Commission*  
Roberto Barcellan, Eurostat  
Kees Zeelenberg, Statistics Netherlands

**Break-out Session: Composite Indicators (14:00 – 18:00)**  
**Chair: Geert Bruinooge, Statistics Netherlands**

- 14:00 – 14:05 Opening – stating the purpose and format for the session
- Geert Bruinooge, Statistics Netherlands
- 14:05 – 14:25 *The relevance and utility for official statisticians of the Handbook on Business Cycle Composite indicators*
- Julian Chow, United Nations Statistics Division
- 14:25 – 14:45 *Overview of the Handbook on Business Cycle Composite Indicator*
- Geert Bruinooge, Statistics Netherlands
- 14:45 – 15:00 *Historical and theoretical considerations*
- Gian Luigi Mazzi, Eurostat
- 15:00 – 15:15 *Data availability, frequency and adjustment techniques*
- Frank van de Pol, Statistics Netherlands
- 15:15 – 15:30 *Variables selection techniques*
- Gian Luigi Mazzi, Eurostat
- 15:30 – 15:45 *Indicators to measure cyclical movement*
- Julian Chow, United Nations Statistics Division
- 15:45 – 16:15 *Coffee break (30 minutes)*
- 16:15 – 16:30 *Indicators to detect turning points*
- Gian Luigi Mazzi, Eurostat
- 16:30 – 16:45 *Indicators to measure economic growth*
- Gian Luigi Mazzi, Eurostat

- 16:45 – 17:00     *Validation of business cycle composite indicators*
- Gian Luigi Mazzi, Eurostat
- 17:15 – 17:30     *Draft questionnaire for the global assessment of country best practice in the use of composite indicators*
- Julian Chow, United Nations Statistics Division
- 17:30 – 18:00     *Recommendations on Composite Indicators to the UN Statistical Commission*
- Geert Bruinooge, Statistics Netherlands  
Gian Luigi Mazzi, Eurostat  
Julian Chow, United Nations Statistics Division

**Break-out Session: Tendency Surveys (14:00 – 18:00)**

**Chair: Gian Paulo Oneto, Italy**

- 14:00 – 14:05     Opening – stating the purpose and format for the session
- Ralf Becker, United Nations Statistics Division
- 14:05 – 14:25     *Global assessment on tendency surveys and sentiment indicators*
- Paul Hanna, United Nations Statistics Division
- 14:25 – 14:35     *The relevance and utility for official statistics of the Handbook on Tendency Surveys*
- Ralf Becker, United Nations Statistics Division
- 14:35 – 15:00     *Overview of Handbook on Tendency Surveys*
- Georgy Gyomai, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
- 15:00 – 15:45     *Discussion of background papers*
- Michael Graff, KOF, Switzerland
- 15:45 – 16:15     *Break (30 minutes)*
- 16:15 – 16:35     *Mainstreaming data and composite indicators from tendency surveys as official statistics*
- Gian Paulo Oneto, Italy

- 16:35 – 17:25 *Flash Indicators for Business Sentiment*  
Kaisa Ben Daher, Sweden
- Agricultural Tendency Surveys in Indonesia*  
Kecuk Suharyanto, Indonesia
- Tendency Surveys in the Agricultural Sector*
- 17:25 – 17:40 Maryna Pugachova, Ukraine  
Future research issues and timeline
- 17:40 – 18:00 Rosa Ruggeri Cannata, Eurostat  
Recommendations on Tendency Surveys to the UN Statistical Commission
- Ralf Becker, United Nations Statistics Division  
Georgy Gyomai, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development  
Rosa Ruggeri, Eurostat  
Michael Graff, KOF, Switzerland

### **Break-out session: Data Template and Analytical Indicators**

#### **Chair: Ales Capek, Eurostat**

- 14:00 – 14:05 Opening – stating the purpose and format for the session
- 14:00 – 14:20 Ales Capek, Eurostat  
*The proposed core set of economic statistics for Asia and the Pacific and its comparison with other data templates*
- 14:20 – 14:40 Artur Andrysiak, ESCAP  
*Strategic indicators for industrial statistics*
- 14:40 – 15:00 Shyam Upadhyaya, United Nations Industrial Organisation  
*High frequency data template for core set of economic and financial statistics*
- Ivo Havinga, United Nations Statistics Division

- 15:00 – 15:20 *Advancing use of visualization tools for communication and dissemination of high frequency statistics*
- 15:20 – 15:45 Floris van Ruth, Statistics Netherlands,  
*Analytical indicators template*
- 15:45 – 16:15 Carol Moylan, Bureau of Economic Analysis, USA  
*Coffee break (30 minutes)*
- 16:15 – 16:40 *Availability of statistical standards and compilation guidance*
- 16:40 – 17:10 Ivo Havinga, United Nations Statistics Division  
*Meta data structure for data template*
- 17:10 – 17:30 Ales Capek, Eurostat  
*Data hubs*
- 17:30 – 18:00 N. Eagambaram, Central Statistical Office, India  
*Recommendations on Data template and Analytical Indicators to the UN Statistical Commission*
- Ales Capek, Eurostat  
Ivo Havinga, United Nations Statistics Division  
N. Eagambaram, Central Statistical Office, India  
Eduardo Nunez, IBGE, Brazil